

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Foxville Gardens, Naval Support Facility Thurmont Inventory Number: F-6-142
Address: Foxville Gardens Road City: Thurmont Zip Code: 21788
County: Frederick USGS Topographic Map: Blue Ridge Summit, Maryland
Owner: Department of the Navy Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: none Tax Map Number: 18 Tax Account ID Number: 320384
Project: Naval District Washington PPV Environmental Assessment Agency: Department of the Navy
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: See references cited below.

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Foxville Gardens comprises the housing area at Naval Support Facility (NSF) Thurmont, Maryland, which is more commonly known as Camp David. Foxville Gardens encompasses approximately 9 acres located on the north side of Manahan Road. Foxville Deerfield Road bounds the west side of the housing area. Foxville Gardens consists of 31 housing units and common areas of grassy lawns, garden plots, a tennis court, a basketball court, and a playground. The housing is made up of 15 duplexes and one single-family house, each with a one-car garage.

The housing in the neighborhood is arranged in two circles. The lower circle is the original section of Foxville Gardens, built in 1960–1961 and designed by Nathan C. Hale Associates (Reid 2008). The lower circle consists of 10 duplexes (odd-numbered Buildings 5101–5139) sited around a circular road. The middle of the circle functions as a grassy commons area with a basketball court and playground behind the quarters. Garden plots are north and southeast of the circle. The 10 duplexes in the lower circle represent just one property type; in other words, all of them have the same building plan. Each duplex is two stories and displays stripped down Colonial Revival stylistic elements. The dwellings have concrete foundations, gable roofs sheathed with asphalt shingles, and vinyl siding exteriors. The roofing and siding were installed within the past nine years (Reid 2008). Each unit has a central,

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Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: _____

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, NR Program

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raised pedimented entry porch. A small concrete porch is on one side of the entrance; the existing porches replaced the original ones in 2006 (Reid 2008). The buildings have symmetrical fenestration comprising pairs of one-over-one, double-hung vinyl sash windows. These windows replaced the original ones about nine years ago (Reid 2008). The windows on the front elevation have vinyl shutters. On the side of each unit is an attached one-car garage; the garage is recessed.

Foxville Gardens expanded in 1990–1991 when 11 additional units were constructed in the upper circle (Reid 2008). The buildings in the “upper circle,” however, are actually arranged in a semicircle, with a grassy commons area in front; a grassy commons area is also to the north, and includes a tennis court. The upper circle consists of five, two-story duplexes (even-numbered Buildings 5132–5150) and one, two-story single-family house (Building 5152). The quarters in the upper circle are constructed of the same types of building materials as those in the lower circle, and also have very similar architectural features. The front entrance to each duplex unit in the upper circle is under a wide, raised pedimented entry porch centered on the entire façade of the building, which contrasts with the two entry porches centered within each unit of the duplexes in the lower circle. The porches have concrete floors. The dwellings have vinyl-sash horizontal sliding and picture windows. The windows on the front elevation have vinyl shutters. On the side of each unit is an attached one-car garage. Like the lower circle quarters, the garages of the upper circle units are recessed, but they have less of a setback from the front elevation of the units than those of the lower circle units. The one single-family house in the upper circle and in all of Foxville Gardens is constructed of the same materials as the other residences and has very similar architectural features as the other units in the upper circle. The front entrance is off-center and like the other units, has a raised, pedimented entry porch with a concrete floor. The windows are all horizontal sliding vinyl-sash windows.

NSF Thurmont, or Camp David, is located in Catoctin Mountain National Park in Frederick County, Maryland, and serves as a private mountain retreat for the President of the United States. It was originally built as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project between 1935 and 1938 and consisted of a series of rustic-style cabins, a dining hall, and a swimming pool. The WPA project was conceived as an example of creating parks from depleted agricultural land (Johnson 2007). Called Hi-Catoctin, the facility first served as a camp for Federal government employees and their families. In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt selected Hi-Catoctin as a retreat to get away from the humid climate and political pressures of life in Washington, D.C. The existing buildings were remodeled to President Roosevelt’s specifications, and a main lodge was constructed to resemble the Roosevelt’s winter vacation home in Warm Springs, Georgia. The camp was renamed *USS Shangri La* (Johnson 2007). All subsequent presidents since Roosevelt have used the mountain retreat. In 1953, President Eisenhower renamed the camp in honor of his grandson, David. Extensive remodeling and additional facilities such as picnic tables, an outdoor cooking area, a three-hole golf course, and a bomb shelter were added to Camp David during the Eisenhower administration (Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library 2009). Although serving as a place for recreation and relaxation, beginning with President Eisenhower, the retreat has also been used for official business. Cabinet meetings have been held at Camp David, and Presidents have hosted many foreign leaders. Perhaps the most well-known meeting with foreign dignitaries to occur at the facility was the Camp David Summit in 1978, when President Carter hosted Egyptian President Anwar al-Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin (Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library 2009; Johnson 2007).

In 1960–1961, a housing area called Foxville Gardens was constructed in the compound, approximately 1.5 miles away from the presidential lodge, cabins, and recreational facilities to provide housing for the Marines in the security company who guard Camp David and their families. The architecture-engineering firm Nathan C. Hale Associates from Falls Church, Virginia designed Foxville Gardens; no information was found about this firm. The plan of Foxville Gardens incorporates several of the design principles of postwar suburban neighborhoods, including evenly-sized house lots, a long feeder street to a circle, and integrated landscape features.

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Because all 31 Foxville Gardens housing units are less than 50 years old, they were evaluated under National Register criteria consideration G for properties that have achieved significance within the past 50 years. No information indicates that Foxville Gardens is of exceptional historical or architectural significance. Foxville Gardens is not associated with the WPA, as the units in the lower circle post-date the period of construction of the WPA Hi-Catoctin project by more than 20 years and the upper circle units are more than 50 years removed from its construction (criterion A). They are not property types directly associated with Camp David's role of providing a private, secluded Presidential retreat, as no presidential recreational or political activities occur at Foxville Gardens. Foxville Gardens houses the Marines who guard Camp David. While each Marine in the security unit has an important role in protecting the President and the property, none have made specific individual contributions to history and the housing units themselves are not illustrative of the military security force at Camp David (criterion B). The housing units in Foxville Gardens are not exceptional examples of mid- or late-twentieth century architecture, and Foxville Gardens is not representative of an exceptionally important example of twentieth-century neighborhood design (criterion C). Therefore, these houses do not meet criteria consideration G, and thus, are not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

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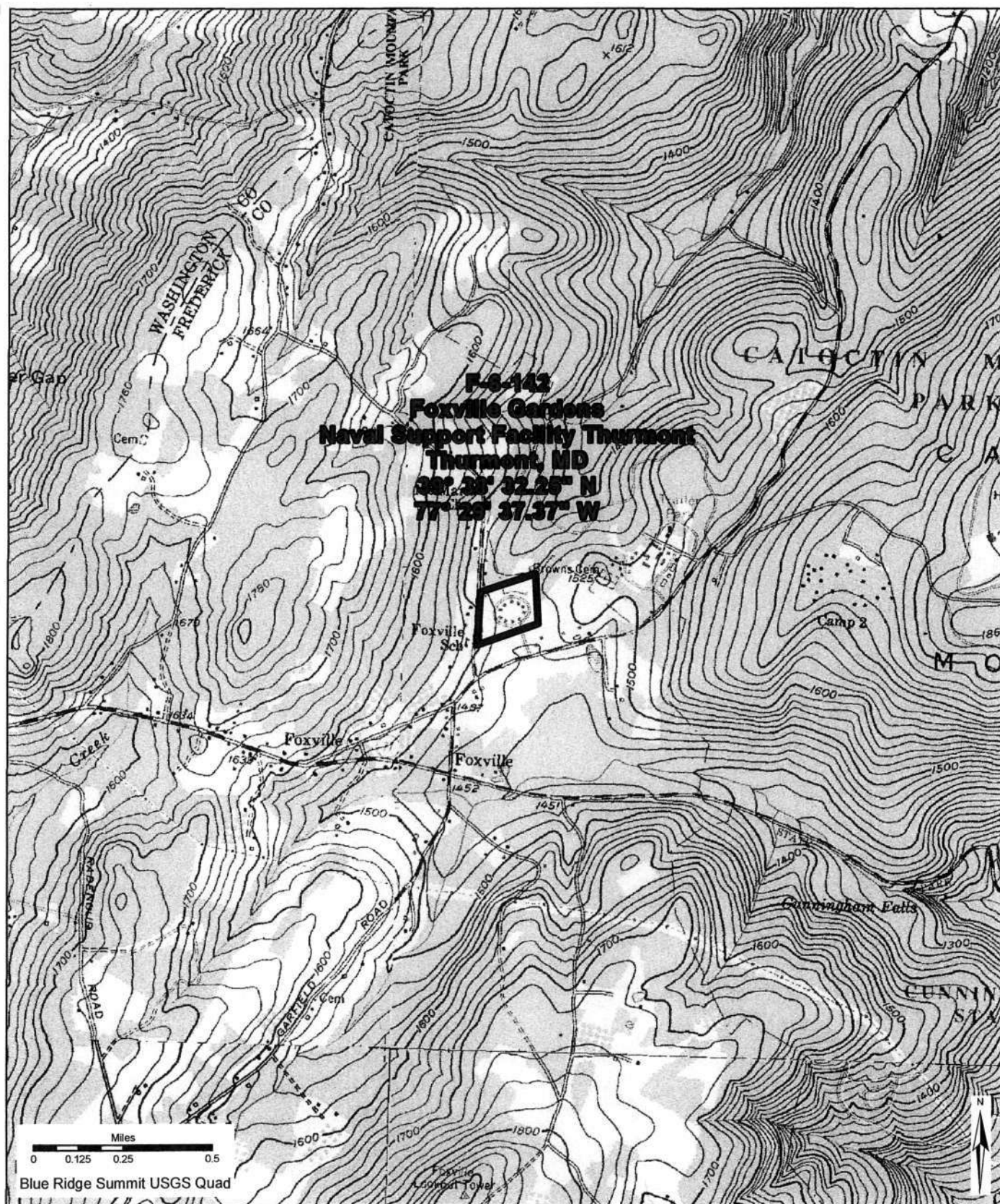
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5103, Foxville Gardens, Naval Support Facility
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view north of Manahan Road, 5103
residence duplex
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SLOW
CHILDREN
AT PLAY

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5101, Foxville Gardens, Naval Support Facility
Frederick County, MD Thurmont
Jadyn Johnson, TEC INC.
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View north of Marahan Road, 5101
and entrance to Foxville Gardens
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SIIS, Foxville Gardens, Naval Support Facility
Frederick County Thurmont

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view of SIIS south facade

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MIHP: F-6-1412

5113, Foxville Gardens, Naval Support
Frederick County Facility
Thurmont

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view northeast facade of 5113
residence, Foxville Gardens

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5121, Foxville Gardens, Naval Support Facility
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view southwest facade of 5121
residence duplex.

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5121/5123, Foxville Gardens, Naval Support
Frederick County Facility Thurmont

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view facing front of 5121/5123
residences, camera pointing south

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5121/5123, Foxville Gardens, Naval Support
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view north facing rear facade of
5121/5123 residence; fully fenced
backyards

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5136/5138, 5140/5142

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street scape, upper circle, south facade,

duplex units 5136/5138 and 5140/5142

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view southwest facade, 5132 residence

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view northwest facade, rear of 5132
residence, fully-fenced backyard
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5152, Foxville Gardens, Naval Support
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view northwest facade, Executive
Officer's residence
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5152, Foxville Gardens, Naval Support
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View south facade, Executive Officer's
residence
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S150/S148, S146/S144, Foxville Gardens,
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view southwest, streetscape, S150/S148,
S146, S144 residences

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5105/5107, Foxville Gardens, Naval Support
Frederick County Facility Thurmont

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view basketball court, south east facade

5105/5107 residences

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MIHP: F-6-102

5117/5119, Foxville Gardens, Naval Support
Frederick County Facility Thurmont

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view playground, north facade 5117/5119
residences

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